

## Pledge Form

Company Representative

Company Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip/Postal Code

Phone

Fax

E-Mail

WDNR Representative

Today's Date (To be filled in at WDNR)

### Requested Promotional Items:

Patches: \_\_\_\_\_ (Limited to Field Staff Only)

Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_ (Limited to One)

Fact Sheets: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please mail or fax the signed form to:

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# Mercury Thermostat

Reduction & Recycling Pledge Program  
for Wisconsin HVAC Contractors





The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) is promoting the Mercury Thermostat Reduction and Recycling Pledge Program for HVAC contractors, and wholesalers. We want you to participate.

The goals of our program are to reduce the use of mercury-containing thermostats by beginning to replace any unusable or unwanted mercury-containing thermostats with an electronic thermostat and to recycle discarded mercury-containing thermostats. All participating HVAC contractors and wholesalers will receive free promotional items to help them publicize their leadership and commitment to the environment. These items include fact sheets, a certificate for the office, and participation patches for uniforms and hats to be worn by field staff.

To achieve these goals, WDNR encourages all HVAC contractors and wholesalers to participate in this program. The pledge program consists of four parts:

- ▼ Increase awareness of customers on the hazards of mercury and encourage their participation in this program,
- ▼ Encourage the Wisconsin public to replace unusable or unwanted mercury-containing thermostats with digital or mercury-free thermostats,
- ▼ Ensure that mercury-containing thermostats are returned to a participating supplier for recycling with Thermostat Recycling Corporation (TRC), and
- ▼ Keep a supply of digital or mercury-free thermostats on hand.

The recycling portion of this program is offered by the Thermostat Recycling Corporation (TRC). The recycling of these mercury-containing thermostats is offered free-of-charge to all contractors. TRC offers mercury-thermostat collection bins to all Wisconsin HVAC wholesalers. The wholesalers who participate will pay a one-time deposit fee and receive the thermostat collection bin and directions for pick-up of a full bin. TRC will handle the fees for shipping, handling, and recycling of the mercury-containing thermostats.

WDNR is asking all contractors to collect any old, discarded mercury-containing thermostats at your shop. Collection of these thermostats as a whole unit is not inconsistent with the regulations. The key is to collect the thermostats as whole units - with the casing. DO NOT remove the mercury bulb or drain the liquid mercury from a thermostat. Collect the entire thermostat (non-damaged) and place them in some type of a sturdy, non-leaking container. Each contractor can bring their thermostats to a participating local wholesaler. TRC will handle the rest of the process to include recycling of the mercury in each thermostat. For more information, TRC has a brochure, *Answers To Dealer Questions About Recycling Mercury Containing Thermostats*.

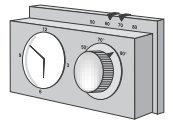
If your company is interested in participating in the Mercury Thermostat Reduction and Recycling Pledge Program, please read and sign the Contractor Pledge Form. Once received by WDNR, the form will be signed, dated and a copy will be returned to you. In addition to the signed form, you will also receive copies of a fact sheet, a certificate, and promotional patches, if requested. Please indicate the number of each free promotional item along with your address on the reverse side of the pledge sheet. Supplies are limited. Please return the pledge form either by fax or mail. If you have further questions, contact John Shenot at 608/267-0802. Thanks for your interest in working together to protect Wisconsin's environment. Through reduction initiatives like this one, Wisconsin can become a cleaner, healthier place to live.

## Mercury Thermostat Reduction and Recycling Pledge Program

### Contractor Pledge

We pledge to work with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and our heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) supplier to keep mercury out of the environment in order to protect the quality of Wisconsin's air, land and water.

Our company is committed to protecting the environment. Therefore, we, the undersigned Wisconsin HVAC contractor, have established these goals to minimize the impact of mercury thermostats on the environment and encourage our customers to conduct sound environmental practices.



### Pledge

To achieve these goals, we pledge to participate in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource's Mercury Thermostat Reduction and Recycling Program. As a participant in this program we will:

- ▼ Increase awareness of our customers on the hazards of mercury and encourage their participation in this program,
- ▼ Encourage the Wisconsin public to replace unusable or unwanted mercury-containing thermostats with digital or mercury-free thermostats,
- ▼ Ensure that mercury-containing thermostats are returned to a participating wholesaler for recycling with the Thermostat Recycling Corporation, and
- ▼ Keep a supply of digital or mercury-free thermostats on hand.